

Monday Message

Jan. 10, 2022



President's Message

Dear all,

As announced in last week's message, we will begin the semester as we concluded the fall, with face coverings required (note: mask optional is allowed in the following designated large air volume spaces: lower level labs of the Schweitzer CTE Center, diesel and welding labs of Wittman Complex and the Mechanical Technical Building, and the main and auxiliary gym floor areas). As has been communicated, we have enough tests to fully onboard folks through January and anticipate being able to continue with testing availability through February and even March; and, are trying to secure additional testing resources.

Vaccination and booster opportunities remain widely available, and we are working with CHAS Health to offer on-campus vaccination/booster clinics. These free clinics will be available to faculty, staff, and students. A schedule will be published on our Coronavirus Resource Page. We will continue to monitor national and local data, information sources and recommendations, as well as consult with our colleagues at Public Health regarding our COVID-19 protocols; and plan to review protocols and face covering requirements the first of February and thereafter every week to 10 days. Updates will be communicated via the Monday Message and posted on our [coronavirus dashboard](#). We are continuing to staff our COVID-19 Reporting Line (208-792-2002). Students who are positive for COVID-19, have been in close contact with someone who is positive, or who have [symptoms of illness](#) consonant with COVID-19 are expected to remain at home or in their campus residence and call this line to receive guidance on isolation and quarantine standards. Similarly, faculty and staff should contact Human Resource Services. We have adopted new isolation and quarantine protocols based on the new CDC guidelines posted last week. They are posted on the Coronavirus Resource Page.

Our All-Campus meeting will be held live/in-person in the Silverthorne Theatre, Thursday, Jan. 13, from 2-3 p.m. I plan to share information and insights derived from the Governor's State of the State address. You can [watch the Governor's address](#) online which begins at noon, Pacific, today.

As we launch the spring 2022 semester and enter into our third year of the pandemic, I ask that folks take heart, as well as some sense of comfort, in our shared commitment to the importance of our education mission and the knowledge that we have and will continue to navigate forward into new ways of being and living – staying always Warrior strong.

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.
President

Events

- **Jan. 11 – Tuesday at Two** – President Pemberton's Tuesdays at Two pick up again in January through Zoom (<https://lsc.zoom.us/j/861031866>). All are welcome to join the conversation. Note: The President's travel schedule will impact some Tuesday at Two sessions. The Monday message will communicate updates.

- **Jan. 13 – All-Campus Meeting** – The Spring All-Campus Meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 2-3 p.m. **The meeting will be live and in-person in the Silverthorne Theatre.** For those unable to attend, the meeting will be recorded and shared in the Jan. 17 Monday Message. It will be followed by the Spring Faculty Association meeting.
 - **Jan. 24-28 – Education Week** – President Pemberton will represent LC State at the Idaho Capitol during Education Week on Jan. 24-28. She will be presenting to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7 a.m., Pacific ([watch live](#)). She will also be speaking to the Senate and House Education Committees (details to come).
 - **Feb. 4 & March 24 – Ask & Answer** – Ask & Answer will be held Friday, Feb. 4, and Thursday, March 24, in the SUB from noon-1 p.m. This is a live, in-person opportunity to visit with President Pemberton, ask questions and share information.
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Announcements

- **Coronavirus Updates & Risk Level:** For the latest coronavirus updates and information visit www.lcsc.edu/coronavirus. In accordance with its [Operational Levels Matrix](#), LC State's current risk level is: Moderate.
 - **Cases Update:** Currently there are **0** active cases and **0** students in isolation in campus housing.
 - **Vaccine Availability:** To schedule an appointment with Public Health - Idaho North Central District visit www.idahoprepmo.com or call 208-799-3100.
- **Seeding Our Tomorrows:** When the funding for our Student Support Services (a TRIO program) ended two years ago, the college faced losing a program with a track record of retaining first-generation college students and seeing those students through to graduation. In fact, the program's retention and graduation rates often exceeded the institutional rates. Thanks to the generous support of two families in our community, we have been able to keep this program going under the name "Student Success Program." The program employs an advisor who provides direct service to students and supervises student staff. Students receive tutoring, supplemental advising, and other assistance as they navigate their studies. Last year, 87% of the students who participated in the Student Success Program were retained from the fall to the spring semester. In the fall 2021 semester, 218 students were provided academic advising and 150 received tutoring services. Of these students, 90% have registered for spring 2022 classes and will continue their studies starting next week. No effort to grow the college's enrollment is complete without putting as much emphasis on retaining students as we do recruiting them and, with services like the Student Success Program, we are better able to do both.
- **Course Evaluations:** Fall 2021 Student Course Evaluation (SCE) Reports have been completed and placed in a shared drive for division chairs to access and disseminate to faculty.
- **Student Involvement Coordinator:** Kristin Myers, an applicant for the position of Student Involvement Coordinator, will present on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 9 a.m. All are welcome to attend this presentation. Limited seating will be available in SUB 143 and the presentation will be available through Zoom: <https://lcsc.zoom.us/j/86116125308>.
- **Campus Song for the Week:** "[Lean on Me](#)" by Bill Withers

